

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6 with the following:

Finally, Figure 4 shows a passage position through the shear with the eccentric shafts 5, 6 at their greatest separation. Here the upper hydraulic control unit 11 of the double-joint mechanism 9 is fully retracted in a position of the upper supporting lever 7 that is downwardly inclined, while the lower control unit 12 of the lower double-joint mechanism 10 is full ~~retracted~~ extended.

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